SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Did you see Annexure II?

KUMARI SELJA: Yes, Annexure II does not give any information about Mizoram.

Secondly, Sir, I must say that we are not talking about the rate of interest, because that would involve a lot of other things. We are giving an incentive of Rs. 25 per Rs. 100 which, we feel, is quite high ....(*Interruptions*)....

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: I am asking only about the rate of interest. You are giving them 12 per cent.

KUMARI SELJA: That is only if they withdraw earlier.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: No, no ...(*Interruptions*)... That is wrong.

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: एक साथ देते हैं आप 75 रुपया?...(व्यवधान)....

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: My main objection is, when the Government of India is borrowing in the open market at 14 per cent and when non-banking companies are giving 15 to 16 per cent, even up to 18 per cent, why do you rob the rural women by giving them only 12 per cent?

Why don't you increase the rate of interest for rural women?

KUMARI SELJA: All right. Since the Member is only on the percentage of interest, we can refer it....

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Refer it to whom?

KUMARI SELJA: To Finance.

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Item No. 26 is Mizoram. Please look at Annexure II. You said, "Mizoram is not there in this list."

KUMARI SLEJA: I never said, "Mizoram is not there."

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: You never said that! It has been recorded.

KUMARI SELJA: I meant, "Mizoram is there." I am sorry.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: It is nil. No amount has been deposited in Mizoram. How can you give the percentage of achievement of target so far as Mizoram is concerned?

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: इतनी जल्दी खत्म कैसे हो सकता है, यह सवाल तो बहुत इम्पोर्टेंट है।

Production of Pyrazinamide

*84. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:†
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of Pyrazinamide in our country during the last three years;

(b) the total annual demand for Pyrazinamide in our country;

(c) the manner in which the shortfall is made good;

(d) the cost of production per unit of Pyrazinamide and what is its market price;

(e) whether the selling price of this drug is controlled; and

(f) the steps being taken to boost the production of this drug?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री राम लखन सिंह यादव): (क) से (च) एक विवरण सदन के पटल पर रखा जाता है।

विवरण

(क) पायराजिनामाईड का उत्पादन लघु क्षेत्र के साथ-साथ संगठित क्षेत्र में भी होता है। उत्पादन का मानीटर सिर्फ संगठित क्षेत्र में ही किया जाता है।

†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Surinder Kumar Singla

उपलब्ध जानकारी के अनुसार संगठित क्षेत्र में उत्पादन गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान निम्न प्रकार रहा है:—

वर्ष	संगठित क्षेत्र में उत्पादन (मी॰ टन)
1992-93	10.44
1993-94	47.02
1994-95	49.40

(ख) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिए औषधों और भेषजों से संबंधित कार्यबल की अनुमानित मांग निम्न प्रकार है:—

1992-93	81.00 मी॰ टन
1993-94	89.00 मी॰ टन
1994-95	97.00 मी॰ टन

(ग) आयात और निर्यात नीति के अनुसार पायराजिनामाइड ओ जी एल के अंतर्गत है। यदि कोई कमी होती है तो वह आयात द्वारा पूरी की जाती है। फिर भी आयात बहुत कम रहा है और इस औषध की पूरी मांग स्वदेशी उत्पादन द्वारा पूरी की जाती है।

(घ) से (च) पिछली डी पी सी ओ के अनुसार अधिसूचना दिनांक 25.11.93 के अनुसार पायराजिनामाइड की पिछली अधिसूचित कीमत 1679 रु॰ प्रति कि॰ ग्राम थी। डी पी सी ओ, 1995 के अनुसार यह कीमत नियंत्रण की परीधि से बाहर है। यह औषध सितंबर, 1994 में "औषध नीति, 1986 में संशोधन" की घोषणा के फलस्वरूप प्रेस नोट सं॰ 4(1994 श्रृंखला) दिनांक 25.10.95 के द्वारा लाइसेंस मुक्त है।

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Sir, I am sorry to say that my basic question remains unanswered. Pyrazinamide is actually for treating T.B. patients who are poor people. T.B. is not a disease of the rich. There are six lakhs T.B. patients in this country.

First, I asked for the production figures. He has mentioned only about the organised sector. He should have referred to the unorganised sector also.

In part (b), the Working Group figures have been given. They are estimated figures. I asked for the actual production figures for both the organised and the unorganised sectors. The actual demand figures have not been given. One is an estimated figure, and the other is only a partial figure.

Parts (d), (e) and (f) have separate questions. All these have been clubbed together. I am interested to know the cost of production per unit. There is no answer to my question.

The notified price has been given, which I have not asked for. Similarly, there was no need to club parts (d), (e) and (f).

The answer is totally distorted. I do not know why the distorted mind of the Ministry is really being reflected to hide some information from the House.

The basic question has not been answered. How can I ask a supplementary when the basic question has not been really answered by the Ministry?

श्री राम लखन सिंह यादव: यह जो दवाई है यह डिकंट्रोल है, इस पर कोई कंट्रोल नहीं है। कोई जहां से चाहे मंगा सकता है, देश में भी और विदेश से भी।.....(**व्यवधान**).....

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: This is the question I have asked. Why have the prices been decontrolled? The prices have been raised by 50 per cent for the medicine which is used by poor T.B. patients. This is the basic question I want to ask. Why was decontrol ordered? This is what I am interested in. The basic question should be answered.

श्री राम लखन सिंह यादव: क्योंकि नियम बना हुआ है कि जिस दवाई का टर्न-ओवर 4 करोड़ हो और उसमें और कोई फारमुलेशन नहीं हो तो वह कंट्रोल में आएगा, क्योंकि इसका टर्न-ओवर 4 करोड़ से कम है, इसलिए यह कंट्रोल में नहीं है।

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Sir, I have not asked this question. I will ask this in my supplementary.

When I asked for the production figure, it has been answered only partially, that is, of the organised sector. The production figure of the organised sector is available with the Working

Group of the Planning Commission. The demand figures have been given in the Eighth Five-Year Plan document. How is he monitoring the production and the demand?

Secondly, I asked for the cost of production. He has given the notified price. I did not ask for the notified price.

Parts (d), (e) and (f) have been clubbed together to answer my questions. The basic question has not been replied to. How can I perceive a supplementary?

SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Sir, this is the answer available with me today. But I would request the hon. Member and the Chair that this question may be deferred. Apart from the question he has asked, let him also give me the supplementary questions that he proposes to ask. I will send the answer with full facts and will also share it with the House. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Sir, this is not the answer. How can I put my supplementaries. When the Minister is agreeing to give the basic...*(Interruptions)*

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Sir, I have also to ask supplementary questions on this.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Sir, this is not for the answer alone. This is meant for the poor TB patients. It is not for the rich men. Decontrol has made the poor to pay a heavy amount. That is the main problem. We want the Government to make some kind of arrangement or to control the prices in the interest of the poor people.

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Sir if I have to tell you on this question, with the import figures you can calculate the actual demand for it. The import for it is around 250 tonnes. The fact of the matter is that the Annual Report of the Ministry says there are six lakh TB cases. And if you see the daily requirement of every patient, you will arrive at the figure. That shows he is evading the answer. So, I want the basic question to be answered before I proceed with my supplementaries.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shall we postpone the question to 15th of December?

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: O.K., Sir.

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will it be Question No. 1, Sir?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 85. Shri Mool Chand Meena. Hon Member—absent.

Shri Sanjay Dalmia.

Special Scheme to check the Rate of Drop-outs

*85. SHRI MOOL CHAND MEENA:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:†

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any special scheme to check the alarming drop-out rate of school going children; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) A major initiative has been launched by the Central Government in the form of National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education with a view to give a boost to Universalisation of Primary Education, by increasing enrolment, retention and

*†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Sanjay Dalmia.